



Research is Clear

- Students are able to build their vocabulary faster when they read multiple books, articles, and other texts on the same topic.
- When students are unfamiliar with a topic, it is harder for them to understand what they are reading and to learn new words.
- Reading several books, articles, and other texts on the same topic allows students to learn more and to learn faster.
- Students who read 20 minutes a day/5 days a week outside of classrooms are exposed to 1.8 million words in one school year and have an increase in critical thinking.

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How Parents Can Help

- Below is a list of unit topics that are areas of focus throughout each grade levels' myPerspectives curriculum.
- By encouraging students to read about these topics at home, students have an opportunity to deepen their background knowledge. This will further support them in being prepared to learn in class!
- Students can use the same single sign on credentials used at school to access their myPerspectives online dashboard at home. Click [here](#) for more details regarding the student dashboard.

Sixth Grade

Unit 1- Childhood: What are some of the challenges and triumphs of growing up?

Unit 2- Animal Allies: How can people and animals relate to each other?

Unit 3- Modern Technology: How is modern technology helpful and harmful to society?

Unit 4- Imagination: Where can imagination lead?

Unit 5- Exploration: What drives people to explore?

Seventh Grade

Unit 1- Generations: What can one generation learn from another?

Unit 2- A Starry Home: Should we make a home in space?

Unit 3- Turning Points: What can cause a sudden change in someone's life?

Unit 4- People and the Planet: What effects do people have on the environment?

Unit 5- Facing Adversity: How do we overcome obstacles?

Eighth Grade

Unit 1- Rites of Passage: What are some milestones on the path to growing up?

Unit 2- The Holocaust: How do we remember the past?

Unit 3- What Matters: When is it right to take a stand?

Unit 4- Human Intelligence: In what different ways can people be intelligent?

Unit 5- Invention: Are inventions realized through inspiration or perspiration?

Note: The topics listed above align with texts that students will explore during the specified unit. In most cases, each middle school grade level will engage with 1 unit per quarter (i.e., Quarter1=Unit 1).

The Big 3 Reading Questions...Great Questions to Discuss After Reading!

- What's something you read today and what was the most interesting part about it?
- Did you learn any new or difficult words? What do they mean?
- What was the most important part about what you read?